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REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the application. Restriction has been required as to one of the seven groups of claims, identified as Groups I-VII. In response, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the subject matter of Group III, drawn to a method for treating heart damage. Claim 25 encompass the elected subject matter. Applicants hereby affirm the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to any of the non-elected subject matter.

It is our understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, or content of this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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No fees are due, however, if any fee is due, the undersigned hereby authorizes the United States Patent and Trademark Office to charge the fees to Deposit Account 50-3355.

Respectfully submitted,

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